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" Only the Earth doth stand for ever
still.
Her rocks remove not, nor her
mountains meet
(A Ithough some wits enriched with
learning's skill,
Say ' Heaven stands firm! and that
the Earth doth fleet,
And swiftly turneth underneath their
feet') ;
Yet though the Earth is ever
steadfast seen, -On her f>road-
breast, hath Dancing ever been"

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" For those blue veins, that through
her body spread; Those sapphire
streams which from great hills do
spring ^ (The Earth's great dugs 1
for every wight is fed With sweet
fresh moisture from them issuing)
Observe a Dance in then wild
wandering / •
A nd still their Dance begets a
murmur sweet \$
A nd still the Murmur with the
Dance doth meet /"

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" Of all their ways, I love Meander's
path; Which, to the tunes of dying
swans, doth dance Such winding
slights. Such turns and tricks he
hath, Such creeks, such wrenches,
aad \$uch daliance That (whether it be
hap or heedless chance) In his
indented course and wringing play,
He seems to dance, a perfect cunning

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" But wherefore do these streams
for ever run ? To keep themselves
for ever sweet and clear ! For let
their everlasting course be done>
They straight, corruptiand foul
with mud appear ! O ye sweet
Nymphs, that beauty's loss do
fear,
Contemn the. drugs that physic doth
devise;
A &d learn of LOVE, this dainty
exercise!"